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TETSU FUKUDA, et al. )  
Application No.: 10/679,334 )  
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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, Applicants respectfully direct the Examiner's attention to the documents listed below and on the enclosed Form PTO-1449. A copy of the Japanese document is enclosed, but copies of the U.S. publications are not being provided herewith.

U.S. Publication No. 2004/0068740  
U.S. Publication No. 2002/0016964  
U.S. Publication No. 2002/0051083  
U.S. Publication No. 2001/0042111  
Japan 2001-318848

The foregoing Japanese document is discussed in the specification of the subject application and may be deemed relevant for the reasons given therein. It is noted that the U.S. document 2001/0042111 is an English-language counterpart for the foregoing

Japanese document and therefore, the concise explanation of relevance for the Japanese document is believed to be satisfied by the English-language counterpart.

Applicants also respectfully direct the Examiner's attention to the following U.S. Application:

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09/579,532	May 26, 2000	2711	03500.014514.

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(a)(2)(iii), a copy of the application specification, claims and drawings for the foregoing U.S. Application is enclosed.

Inasmuch as this application has not yet received a first Office Action on the merits, it is believed that this Information Disclosure Statement is timely. See 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b)(3). Accordingly, the Examiner is urged to study this information in its entirety and to form an independent determination of the materiality of the information to the claimed invention. Additionally, the Examiner is requested to indicate that this information has been considered by initialing the appropriate portion of Form PTO-1449 and returning the initialed form to Applicant with the next communication.

Applicants' undersigned attorney may be reached in our Costa Mesa, California office at (714) 540-8700. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our below-listed address.

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